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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

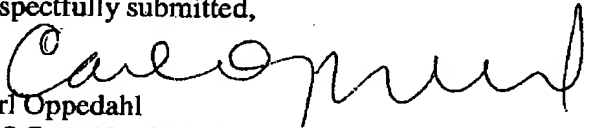
This paper responds to the Restriction Requirement dated February 8, 2005. The Examiner expresses the view that the application contains distinct inventions. It is noted that the Examiner has not imposed a "species-type" restriction requirement.

Applicant hereby elects group III, said by the Examiner to include claims 3-4 and 8, classified by the Examiner in US patent class 709, subclass 206.

This election is conditioned upon examination of 3-4 and 8, as well as examination of the claims dependent therefrom.

In the event that the Examiner declines to examine all of claims 3-4 and 8, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, Applicant traverses on the ground that all of the claims drawn to dependent claims which include all the limitations of a an allowed claim upon which they depend should be obviously allowable in view of the allowance of the allowed claim. It follows automatically from this that there cannot possibly be additional searching burden to determine allowability of such a dependent claim.

Respectfully submitted,



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